

THE
RULES
AND
STATUTES
OF
GEORGE WATSON'S
HOSPITAL



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PREAMBLE
TO THE
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OF
GEORGE WATSON'S
HOSPITAL.

I*T appears to be necessary, for giving Light to the following Statutes of GEORGE WATSON'S HOSPITAL, as well as to do Justice to his Memory, to give some Account of him, and of the Motives that induced him to make this charitable Foundation.*

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GEORGE WATSON, *Merchant in Edinburgh, who appointed the Founding of the said HOSPITAL, was eldest Son to the deceast John Watson, likewise Merchant there, by his Wife Marion Ewing, Daughter of Nicol Ewing Merchant in the same City, whom he married in anno 1644. The said GEORGE his younger Brother John Watson was also bred a Merchant; and their Grandfather Thomas Watson, and others their Predecessors, were likewise Merchants of good Account and Substance in the Place, as appears from very authentick Documents. Two of their Aunts, Daughters of the said Thomas Watson, were also married to Merchants, viz. Janet Watson, to James Durie, Merchant, Burgeses of Edinburgh, and Elisabeth Watson, to James Davidson of Curryhill, Merchant, and sometime Baillie of Edinburgh, and Brother to Sir William Davidson, Conservator of the Scots Privileges in the United Provinces.*

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THESE Brethren, **GEORGE** and John **WATSONS**, after their Mother's Marriage to a second Husband, of the Name of Symer (their Father's Affairs being left in great Disorder) were very early cast upon the Care of their Aunt Elisabeth Watson, Lady Curryhill; and she very kindly and Christianly provided, both for their Maintenance and Education. After the said **GEORGE WATSON** was bred at Schools, she took Care to bind him Apprentice to James Cleland Merchant in Edinburgh; and after he had served his Apprenticeship, being her Favourite, she sent him Abroad, upon her own Expence, to Holland, for his further Improvement in Merchandising, and particularly, for his learning Book-keeping, which then was a very rare Accomplishment; and she gave him likewise, before he left that Country, a little Stock to begin his Trade with. After he had applied very closely in improving himself in Writing, Arithmetick, and Book-keeping, and such other Accomplishments as were necessary for a

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Factor or Bankier, which Sort of Business he inclined most to follow, he did very early improve the small Stock he had from his Aunt.

SO soon as he returned to Scotland, which was in the Year 1676, he was taken into the Service of Sir James Dick of Prestonfield, sometime Provost of Edinburgh (who was then a Merchant of great Business, and is still alive) as his Accountant and Cashier, who, beside his Maintenance in his Family, gave him a handsome yearly Salary, for keeping of his Books, and negotiating his Affairs; and did also allow him to negotiate Bills for himself, and to carry on his own separate Trade and Business.

MR. WATSON never having been married, and having no Charge, but living at the Table of another, he soon came, by his own great Diligence and Frugality, to have a tolerable Stock of his own; so that, after having served in that Station for about Twenty Years, and having obtained from Sir James a very ample Dis-

Discharge, acknowledging his faithful Service, he left his Family, in the Year 1696.

HE was so much reputed for his Book-keeping, and distinct stating of Accounts, that he was employed by several Corporations and publick Societies; as particularly, he was chosen Accountant to the Bank of Scotland, when it was first erected; and was employed as Cashier for receiving the Produce of the Town of Edinburgh's Impost on Ale, for many Years; and was also for some Years appointed Treasurer for the Merchant Maiden Hospital; and was Treasurer for the Society erected for propagating of Christian Knowledge in Scotland, immediately after Sir Hugh Cuninghame of Bonington, sometime Provost of Edinburgh, from 4. January 1711. to 26. March 1723. when he demitted some Days before his Death; and in all these Stations he acquitted himself with a great Deal of Integrity, Faithfulness and Diligence, as appears from the several

ral Discharges he had from these Corporations.

T H E S E were not Stations by which he could have any Gain; his Service therein being most partly gratis, for the Publick Use and Advantage: But he did not neglect his own private Business, while he had these publick Trusts. His Inclination led him chiefly to Factory-Business, and dealing in Bills of Exchange with Correspondents, particularly at London; and the greatest Part of his Fortune he made in that Sort of Business: And in all these Affairs he had a particular Faculty of keeping Things very distinct; so that he cleared very fairly, and without any Contest, with all those he dealt with.

W H E N his Riches increased, he also increased his Charities to the Indigent, but in such a Way, as little Noise was made about them; which, beside what he gave at other Times, he ordinarily distributed at the Ballancing of his Books: But he was far from increasing his own per-

personal Expence, with respect to his Manner of Living, for he still continued the same moderate and regular Way of living he had done since the Time he came out of Sir James Dick's Family, which was by Boarding himself with his Brother uterine John Symer, also Merchant in Edinburgh, at the Rate of Twenty eight Pounds Sterling yearly, with whom he staid till he died (and whom he often otherwise assisted, both with his Money, Credit and wholesome Advice) which sober Way of living, he said, was both more agreeable to his own Inclination and Desire, and more suitable to the tender Constitution of his Body. To which Frugality, after he came to a tolerable Stock in the World, his Wealth was much owing; for when he died upon the Third of April 1723. he was arrived to about Seventy Years of Age; so that a frugal Management, during such a Course of Years, did greatly enable him, by his own Diligence, and the Blessing of Providence, to make so considerable

rable a Fortune, and that from a very small Stock to begin upon.

HAVING no Issue of his own, and being of a Temper very sympathizing to the Poor, and being daily in the frequent Conversation of the said Sir Hugh Cuninghame, who was well known to be much disposed that Way, he did many Years before his Death intend the Erection of an HOSPITAL; and it is believed, that it was nothing but his own Modesty that hindered to perfect that Work in his own Lifetime. And it is certain, that for several Years before his Death, in that View he wrote to his Correspondents both in England and Holland, to have Copies of the Constitutions of Hospitals in these Countries transmitted to him, and recommended the same to some Merchants in the Place yet alive, when they were going abroad.

HE had always a deep Sense of the merciful Dispensations of Providence toward himself who was left so destitute in his Infancy, and a just Acknowledgment of the Favours he
had

bad from his Aunt Mrs. Davidson Lady Curryhill ; and therefore it is, that in the following Statutes, he hath recommended a Preference to the Children of that Name ; and from a just Regard to her Memory and Recommendation, he took Care of the Aliment and Education of Elizabeth Watson his Neice, who was called Elizabeth after her.

HE did own, that he had gained his Fortune amongst the Merchants of Edinburgh, and being resolved to make some charitable Foundation, he thought it reasonable to provide for the Maintenance and Education of the Children of decayed Merchants, especially of those of the Company of Merchants of the City of Edinburgh, where he was born and bred, and among whom he had made his Fortune : And likewise, because that he was descended of those, who were for so many Generations of the Order and Calling of Merchants in Edinburgh, and that he was so nearly related to severals of the same Employment.

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AND having been successful in the Improvement of his Fortune by the Help of his Education in Accounting and Book-keeping, he did particularly recommend, that Care should be taken, that the Children of the said HOSPITAL should be educate in these Arts: And also reflecting upon the small Stock his Aunt gave him to begin his Business withal, and how useful it was to him, he recommended, that some Provision of that Kind should be made in Favours of the Boys of this HOSPITAL.

BESIDES the great Donation of Twelve Thousand Pound Sterling, bearing Annualrent Year and Day after Mr. WATSON's Decease, appointed for erecting the said HOSPITAL, he left Tokens and Legacies to his Friends, and alimentary Provisions to his Brother John Symmer, and to his Neice the said Elizabeth Watson, Daughter of the said James Watson his Brother, payable to them by quarterly Payments per Advance, and some other pious Legacies

gacies to Heriot's Hospital, Merchant Maiden Hospital, Trades Maiden Hospital, Trinity Hospital, and to the Society for propagating Christian Knowledge. But as he was a great Lover of Virtue and Industry, so he looked upon it as the best Way to bestow his Charity, to provide for the Maintenance and Education of the Posterity of decayed Merchants; which, as it would afford a present Relief to the poor Boys, by delivering them from the two greatest Temptations in the World, Poverty and Idleness; so it enabled them afterwards, if virtuously disposed, not only to prevent their being burdensome to their indigent Parents, but to make their own Fortunes, and to be useful and serviceable in their Generation, by assisting others in those Arts and Improvements they might acquire by so happy an Education.

*AS he was a very exact and diligent Man in his worldly Business, so he was a Man of exemplary Piety and Devotion, without Noise or Ostentation; and being for many Years a constant Hearer of the Ministers of
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the Old Church of Edinburgh, he had a particular Regard to them: And therefore he appointed the following Statutes to be compiled by their Advice, and upon the same Account it is, that the reverend Ministers of the said Old Church are appointed to be perpetual Governors. He was always zealously concerned for the Interest of the Protestant Religion, and for the Succession in the House of Hannover; and therefore he did particularly recommend, That the Overseers, Masters, and Teachers of the poor Boys in the HOSPITAL, should be Men of sound Principles, and well affected to the Protestant Succession.

IT was his intimate Acquaintance, and long Experience in Business, that he had with the Persons he appointed to be his Trustees, that induced him to commit to them the Trust of executing his Settlement, whom he judged to be more proper for executing thereof, because of their several Employments, in all which he had been long conversant with them; and so judging that they knowing his Affairs,

Affairs, and that he reposed a Confidence in them; they would be the more ready and concerned to settle all Things according to his pious Intentions, to whom he likewise left the Residue of his Estate, after all his Debts were paid, his Legacies satisfied, and pious Purposes executed: So that by this Way of gratifying them, he tied them to be diligent in recovering his Effects, since they were to have nothing for their Pains till all he intended was fully implemented, by which he connected their Duty and Interest inseparably together.

IT was obvious, that the Reason why he put the Administration in the Hands of the Master, Assistants, and Treasurer of the Merchant Company of the City of Edinburgh, was, That they were a perpetual Company, established by a Royal Grant ratified in Parliament; and that it was most natural for them to take Care of the Children and Grand-children of their own Company; and likewise, because he had observed their exact and faithful Management of the Affairs
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of the Merchant Maiden Hospital, of which he was (as has been noticed) for some Time Treasurer: And that he knew very well, how diligent they were in improving, and duly applying the proper Stock of that Company for the Relief of their Poor.

HE was well satisfied both with the Constitutions and Administration in the Merchant Maiden Hospital, and therefore did recommend, That the old Baillies, and old Dean of Guild of Edinburgh, who serve in the Council as such, should, as in that Hospital, be likewise Governors of this HOSPITAL, being perswaded of the Good Town's Readiness to countenance and encourage so charitable a Work, for the publick Interest of the City.

AS he was a very sober Man, and denied to every Thing that had the Shew of Vanity, so in making of this Settlement he solemnly declared, That what he did was not out of any Vanity, but out of the Sense of the Fear and Love of GOD, and to invite other Persons to such charitable Donations: And therefore, to give all Encouragement

agement to such Persons as were piously disposed to contribute their Charity toward the increasing of the Fund of this HOSPITAL, he appointed, That any Person who shall be pleased to give and mortify to the said HOSPITAL a Sum not below the Sum of Fifty Thousand Pound Scots, shall be assumed and conjoined with him, in the Name and Title of the said HOSPITAL, and be reckoned a Founder of the same with him. And if any other Persons should make lesser Donations, he directed them to be recorded as Donors, and their Names to be inscribed in gilded Letters upon some publick Place of the HOSPITAL, in Remembrance thereof to Posterity. So that, in taking the Name of this HOSPITAL to himself, he had nothing in View, but to testify his unfeigned and profound Resentment of the undeserved Goodness of GOD to himself, in providing so liberally for him, for whom nothing was provided by his Parents, and to incite and encourage others to go and do likewise.

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Erecting and Managing *GEORGE WATSON*, Merchant in *Edinburgh*, his *HOSPITAL*: Composed by the *Trustees* named by him for these *Purposes*, with the Consent of the Persons after-mentioned, in virtue of the *Powers* given to them by his *Disposition* in their *Favours*, dated *9 February 1723*. and other *Writings* and *Recommendations* relative to the same.

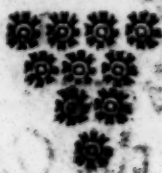
C H A P. I.

Concerning the Name of the HOSPITAL, and fund out of which the HOUSE is to be built.

THIS *HOSPITAL* shall
Now, and in all succeeding
GENERATIONS, be called
GEORGE WATSON's HOS-
A *SPITAL,*

SPITAL, founded by his Appointment, for entertaining and educating the *Male Children* and *Grand-children* of *decayed Merchants* in *Edinburgh*, or the indigent *Male Children* or *Grand-children* of the *Ministers* of the Gospel that *have been*, or *shall be* Ministers of the *Old Church* of the said City : But the Right of the said *HOSPITAL*, whole Stock, and Revenue thereof, shall be in, and always remain with the *Company of Merchants of the City of Edinburgh*, under the Administration, and for executing the Ends and Purposes after-mentioned, in the Manner, and conform to the *Rules* hereafter recited. And the *House* shall be erected, builded and finished out of the Annualrents and Profits of the Sum of Twelve thousand *Lib. Sterling* Money, mortified by him for the Use of the said *HOSPITAL*, upon that Piece of Ground or *Area* called *Thomson's Yards*, Besouth the *Lady Yester's Church*, within the said City of *Edinburgh*, lately purchased for that Purpose. But the *Principal* or *Capital*

pital Stock still is to remain intire; and no Children are to be entred or received into the said *HOSPITAL*, until such Time as the Annualrents of the said *Capital Stock* have defrayed and discharged the whole Expence of the Building, and that the Price bestowed in purchasing the *Area* where the said *HOSPITAL* is to be built, be also satisfied, and Year and Day thereafter at least, that so there may be a *Fund* of growing Annualrents for entertaining and educating the saids Boys: The Sum to be expended in carrying on and finishing the said *Building*, not exceeding the Sum that shall be agreed to and condescended upon by the saids *Trustees*; and no Part of the *Stock*, *Annualrents* or *Profits* thereof, shall be applied otherwise, than for the Use and Benefit of the said *HOSPITAL*.



C H A P. II.

Concerning the Governours.

THE Management and Administration of the Affairs of the said *HOSPITAL*, shall be in the Four old *Baillies*, and the old *Dean of Guild* of *Edinburgh*, who serve in the Council of *Edinburgh* as such, and the *Master*, *Treasurer*, and *Twelve Assistants* of the *Merchant Company*, and the *Minister* or *Ministers* of the *Old Church* of *Edinburgh* for the Time; and in case of a total Vacancy of the *Ministers* of the *Old Church* of *Edinburgh*, by Death or otherwise, such a *Minister* of *Edinburgh* as the said *Governors* shall think fit to elect or choose to assist during the said Vacancy. Which Twenty or Twenty one Persons shall be *Perpetual Governors* of the said *HOSPITAL*; and the *Master* of the said *Merchant Company* for the Time, shall be the *Ordinary Preses*: But none of the saids Persons shall enter

enter upon the Administration, or shall have any Voice or Interest in the Concerns of the said *HOSPITAL*, until he or they solemnly swear the following Oath.

I A. B. *do solemnly swear and promise before G O D, that, to the best of my Knowledge and Power, I shall carry and demean my self faithfully and honestly in all Matters which concern the Election of the Officers or Children, or any Thing else belonging to GEORGE WATSON'S HOSPITAL, founded and erected for the Maintaining and Educating the Male Children and Grand-children of decayed Merchants in Edinburgh, and indigent Male Children and Grand-children of the Ministers of the Old Church of Edinburgh: And if I know any going about at any Time to defraud or prejudice the said pious Work, I shall obstruct it to my Power, and reveal it to the Governors.*

AND in respect the *Governors* of the said *HOSPITAL* are entitled to the Government and Administration, in virtue of their Offices above-recited, and that the *Old Magistrates* commence their serving as such, and are exauctorated before the last *Munday* of *October* yearly, and that the annual Election of the *Office Men* of the *Merchant Company* is some Space of Time before the said Day, *It is Provided*, That the *Governors* who served in the preceeding Year, continue till the Third *Munday* of *November* yearly. And so soon as the *Preses* shall administer the Oath *de fideli* above-written, to the *New Governors*, who are to be advertised to be present, in order to their Admission, such of the former *Governors* as are not continued, are to be honourably dismissed: And immediately after receiving the *New Governors*, the *Preses* shall exhort them to make Conscience of the Oversight and Management of the *HOSPITAL*, in all its Concerns, and for that End to attend the
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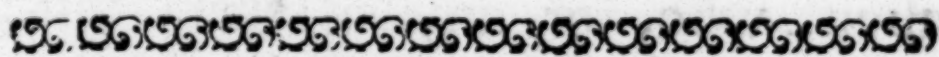
Quarterly and other Meetings. And the *Minister* present shall exhort the *Master* and *Servants* within the *HOSPITAL*, to discharge their respective Duties faithfully and exactly, and the *Children* to behave as becometh, and to profit by the Means of their Education. And the saids *Governors* shall have a Power to make further *By-laws* and *Rules* for the better Administration of the said *HOSPITAL*, and Affairs thereof, the same being noways derogatory to what is declared to be *Fundamental*, nor to the *Rules* and *Statutes* now adjusted, except the same shall be altered in Manner after prescribed. The saids *Governors* shall likewise have Power to order the Raising and Uplifting Principal Sums, and the Re-employing thereof in Manner after directed. *As also*, They, with Consent of the *Trustees*, shall have Power to carry on the Building of the *House*, and to contract for every Thing necessary for that Purpose.

C H A P. III.

*Concerning a Place of Meeting for
the Affairs and Concerns of the
HOSPITAL.*

ALL Elections and Conclusions which concern any Way the *HOSPITAL*, shall be only made and done in the *ordinary Meeting-place*, within the Building thereof, unless unavoidably impeded, and until the said *HOSPITAL* be built, in the ordinary Place of the Meeting of the said *Master, Assistants, and Treasurer* of the said *Merchant Company*; and their Quarterly Meetings shall be as follows, the Third *Munday* of *November*, the Third *Munday* of *February*, the Third *Munday* of *May*, and the Third *Munday* of *August* Yearly; and the first Meeting shall be upon the Third *Munday* of this instant Month of *May*, at which Day the *Governors* are to take the Oath *de fidei*, and mark their first *Sederunt*, and chuse their *Treasurer* and *Clerk*. And further,

ther, when Occasion requires, the *Master* may convene the saids *Governors* more frequently, or they may adjourn themselves to other Diets beside the saids fixt Quarterly Meetings, and Diet for Election of the *Treasurer*, and Diets for Election of the *Boys* after-mentioned.



C H A P. IV.

Concerning the Quorum, and Manner of Warning the Governors.

THAT in all Things belonging to the *HOSPITAL*, all the *Governors* that are for the Time within the City of *Edinburgh*, or Liberties thereof, shall be warned by the *Officer* of the *Merchant Company*, who is to serve as *Officer* of the *HOSPITAL*, and to have the yearly Fee and Allowance of

And they being warned, what shall be concluded upon by the most Voices of those who shall be present, shall stand in full Force, there

there being always present thereat no less than *Seven* of the *Assistants* of the *Merchant Company*, who, with the *Master*, are declared to be a *Quorum*; and in Absence of the *Master*, the *old Dean of Guild* of *Edinburgh*, or in his Absence the *First* of the *old Baillies*, and in Absence of all these any other chosen *Preses* for that Occasion, who, or any of them with the *Seven*, shall make up the *Quorum* in Absence of the *Master*. And every Deed of the *HOSPITAL* shall be subscribed by the *Master*, or in his Absence by the *Preses* for the Time, and by *Seven* of the *Assistants* at least, and by the *Clerk* of the said *HOSPITAL*; or such Deed may be executed by the *Treasurer*, who is warranted to execute the same by the *Master* or *Preses*, and *Seven* of the *Assistants* at least, or which in virtue of his Office he is warranted to do.



C H A P. V.

*Concerning the Office and Election of
a Treasurer and Accountant.*

UPON the Second *Munday* of *November* Yearly, there shall be chosen, by the *Governors* of the *HOSPITAL*, a *sufficient Merchant* in *Edinburgh*, who is of the *Company of Merchants*, to be *Treasurer* of the *HOSPITAL* for one Year, whose Office shall be to receive all the *HOSPITAL's Rents* or *Annualrents*, to keep all the *Stock* and *Money* belonging to the *HOSPITAL*, to pay *Wages* and *Allowances* due to the *Officers*, and all *Necessaries* for the *Children*, or any other belonging to the *HOSPITAL*, to look diligently to the *Reparations* of the *Building*; and he is to uplift and re-employ again principal Sums, only when ordered and directed by the *Governors*. And as he will have *Occasion* to be frequently in the *HOSPITAL*, he is to observe and super-

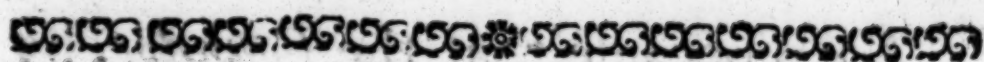
superintend the *Master* and all *Officers* and *Servants* in the *HOSPITAL*, their Conduct, and due officiating in their several Stations, and is required to report to the *Governors* his Observations of their Misbehaviour or Neglect of Duty. And he shall have the Privilege of being present at all the Meetings of the *Governors*. The *Treasurer* shall be elected by Plurality of Voices of the *Governors* present, and in their Presence, before he exerce, he shall solemnly swear the Oath following, *Viz.*

I A.B. *electd* Treasurer of GEORGE WATSON'S HOSPITAL, founded for maintaining and educating of the Male Children and Grandchildren of decayed Merchants in Edinburgh, and the indigent Male Children and Grandchildren of the Ministers of the Old Church of Edinburgh, do swear, and faithfully promise, with my best Skill and Power, to discharge all that is required of

of me by the Statutes of the said
HOSPITAL, truly and honestly.
So help me GOD.

AND because that the *Founder*, by
a special Recommendation, did desire,
That his Brother *John Symer* should
be named *Accountant* to the *Funds*
legate by him toward erecting of
this *HOSPITAL*, therefore he
is to be, by the *Governors* of the
said *HOSPITAL*, appointed *Ac-
countant*, and is to take the Oath
de fidei, as above directed, with
respect to the *Treasurer*; and he is
to continue in that Office so long as
the saids *Governors* shall think there
is Use or Occasion for an *Accountant*;
and he is to keep an Account, in
which is to be enter'd the whole *Stock*
of the *HOSPITAL*, and upon
what Securities the same is laid out,
and such other Accounts as by the
Governors he shall be appointed to
keep; and they are to allow to him
an yearly Salary of *L. 15* or *L. 20*
Sterling, as they shall think fit. But
upon his Demise or Removal, that
Office

Office is intirely to be sunk into the Office of the *Treasurer*, if the *Governors* think fit.



C H A P. VI.

Concerning the Accounts, and Continuance of the Treasurer.

TH E *Treasurer* of the said *HOSPITAL* may be continued two Years or more, if the *Governors* shall think fit to elect him of new Yearly, and he shall Yearly make up the *Accounts* of his whole yearly Intromissions, which shall be fairly written in a Book kept in good Form, and continued in the Records of the *Treasurer's Accounts*, and delivered to the *Auditors* after-mentioned, the second *Munday* of *November* Yearly; and after the saids Accounts, and Report thereon, are perused by the *Governors*, and approved by them, they shall discharge the *Treasurer* of the same; and thereafter the saids Accounts shall be exactly

actly copied, and entred in the Records of the *Treasurer's* Accounts, and subscribed by the *Treasurer* accounting, and his Successor in Office, to the end that the discharged Account may remain with the said old *Treasurer* for his Exoneration. And the Council of the *HOSPITAL* shall finish their Approbation of the saids Accounts of the *Treasurer's* Intromissions, before the Admission of the new Council for the Government of the *HOSPITAL* for the ensuing Year, to the end that the *Treasurer's* Accounts may be judged by such as know, and can best understand how he hath acted. And that he may not be troubled with Attendance for clearing his Accounts after he is out of Office, and at his Removal from his Office, he shall deliver up to the succeeding *Treasurer* all the *Accounts, Books, Papers and Rights*, which belong any Way to his Office, or may give Insight for discharging of the same, or which may any Way belong to the *HOSPITAL*; of which Papers two Inventars are to be made

made and subscribed by the said old *Treasurer* and his Successor, one to be kept by each of the saids Persons, and all to be digested and kept in the *Treasury House* of the said *HOSPITAL*, in good Order. And the Benefactors of the said *HOSPITAL*, their nearest of Kin, or Representatives, are hereby allowed, if they please, to be present with the said *Auditors*, in their Auditing. If the *Treasurer* shall die, or by any Necessity be removed from his Office, the *Governors* shall, within Twenty Days of his Death, or his Removal, proceed to the Election of a new one, observing the Rules before-mentioned.



C H A P. VII.

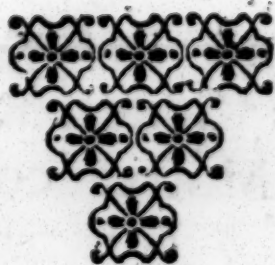
*Concerning the Election and Duty of
Auditors of the Treasurer's Ac-
counts.*

THERE shall be chosen by the
new *Governors* of the *HOS-
PITAL*, out of their own Num-
ber,

ber, upon the Third *Munday* of *November*, yearly, *Four Auditors* of the *Treasurer's*, and all other *Accounts* belonging to the *HOSPITAL*, who, or any Two of them joynly and met together, shall peruse and consider the *Treasurer's Quarterly Accounts* the Fourth Day after the End of each Quarter, or sooner, if they can with *Conveniency*; and the *Treasurer* and *Auditors* shall deliver to the Body of the *Governors* assembled at the Quarterly Meeting, their *Accounts* of the three last Months past, fairly written in a Book, containing all the Sums, less or more, paid during that Space, with their Report subscribed, which shall be read publickly, and there either comptrolled, or allowed. The Allowances thereof shall be made under the Hand of the *Clerk* of the *HOSPITAL*, and subscribed by the *Preses*, *Seven* of the *Governors*, being *Assistants* of the *Merchant Company*, and the *Clerk*, with these Words, *By Order of the Governors of the HOSPITAL*; which Book

of Accounts for three Months so allowed, shall ly open for the Space of Eight Days thereafter upon the Table, so that if any of the *Governors*, or those who may have given *Donations*, or their Heirs, (but none else) have a Desire to peruse them, they may; and if they find any Oversight or Fault therein, the Discoverers thereof are charged on Conscience to reveal it to the *Governors*, who shall take Care to correct and amend it. The Third *Munday* of *November*, yearly, the *Auditors* shall deliver up to the Body of the *Governors* assembled, the whole preceeding Year's Accounts, where they shall be comptrolled, or allowed every Way, as is exprest in the Quarterly Accounts. The Election of the *Auditors* shall be by Plurality of Suffrages of the *Governors*, or their *Quorum*, and they shall give their Oaths in Presence foresaid, as is given by the *Treasurer*, *mutatis mutandis*: And if any of them shall happen to die, or not accept, the *Governors* shall within Ten Days elect one in his Place.

Place. And for making the *Auditing* of the *Accounts* the more expeditious, it is expressly appointed, That before the *Treasurer* pay any particular Accounts of Merchants, Tradesmen, or others, exceeding Twenty Pounds *Scots*, excepting the stated and settled Provisions for the Diet of those in the *HOSPITAL*, which is to be regulate by the *Governors*, the said Account or Accounts shall be laid, at least before Two of the *Auditors* met together, who shall visit the Work, consider the Account, and report their Opinion thereanent to the *Governors*, who are to approve or restrict as they shall see Cause, and shall give Warrant to the *Treasurer* for Payment of such a Sum in Satisfaction thereof, as they shall see just.



C H A P. VIII.

Concerning the Clerk and his Office.

THAT the *Clerk* of the *HOSPITAL* be chosen by the *Governors* of the *HOSPITAL*, and continue in the said Office during their Pleasure only, whose Office shall be fairly and faithfully to keep in Order all the Evidents, and other Papers whatsoever belonging to the *HOSPITAL*, and to attend the *Governors* at their Meetings, and there to draw all Orders and Resolutions made by them, and to keep a clear and distinct Record, or Digest, of all their Proceedings, marking down upon the Margin of each *Sederunt* the material Thing transacted that Day, and to make up an Alphabetical Index, pointing to the particular *Sederunt* or Statute, where every Matter concerning the *HOSPITAL* is treated of. He shall likewise have the sole Benefit of drawing and composing all Manner of
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of Evidents, Securities and Writings, which shall be made betwixt the *HOSPITAL* and any Person, and shall receive therefore no greater Fee than is usually paid, either to the Writers to the Signet, or Town-clerk of *Edinburgh* in the like Cases ; and before his Admission to the said Office, he shall take the Oath in the same Manner as exprest in the Oath of the *Treasurer*. He shall have Quarterly paid to him by the *Treasurer* the Sum of

C H A P. IX.

Concerning the Election and Office of the Master to the HOSPITAL.

THERE shall be an unmarried Man, of good Respect, and free of the Burden of Children, chosen *Master* to the *HOSPITAL*, who shall have Power to govern the Children and Servants within the same : His principal Care shall be, to see that the Children and Servants

be brought up and instructed in the Fear of almighty G O D; and therefore he shall every L O R D's Day, and Thursday, some Time in the Afternoon, catechize and instruct the Children and Servants, in the common Grounds and Principles of Faith and Christian Religion, contain'd in the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, approven by this National Church: And if any of the Children or Servants shall be guilty of Misdemeanours, such as Swearing, Lying, Fighting, Spoiling of their Clothes or Chambers, or the like, he shall take Care that they receive due Correction and Chastisement. And also he shall take particular Notice, that all the Officers and other Servants in the HOSPITAL discharge their Duty that's enjoyn'd to them by these Statutes: And in case any of them be remiss or negligent, that he represent the same to the Treasurer or the Governors. Next, His Care shall be, to take in once every Week the Steward's weekly Accounts, and oversee that the settled Allowances be duly distribute

tribute to all within the *HOSPITAL* by the *Steward*, that he may, from his proper Knowledge, be able to sign the *Steward's* Accounts the latter End of each Month, which the Treasurer may comptrol, and when presented to the *Auditors*, they have a Power to do the same, and the *Governors* shall have Power to comptrol the whole : And therefore the *Governors* shall take special Care, that the *Master* to be elected have these Qualifications, *viz.* That he be a Man of the true Protestant Religion, well affected to the Protestant Succession, fearing GOD, of honest Life and Conversation ; of so much Knowledge, as to be fit to teach the *Catechism* and Principles of our holy Christian Religion, and to keep the Worship of GOD by Prayer and Praises twice a Day, and that he as often read, or cause some of the Children read a Portion of the holy Scripture distinctly : And that he be of so much Discretion, as to be fit to govern and direct all that live within the said *HOSPITAL*, and of

that Care and Prudence as to be fit to take Account of the same; and that he shall not be under Forty Years of Age. And for the greater Decency and Distinction, he shall always wear a Gown within the Precincts of the said *HOSPITAL*; and he and the *Schoolmaster* or *Schoolmasters* of the *HOSPITAL* shall conduct the Boys every *Lord's Day* to the Church, sit with them, and observe their Behaviour. And beside the attending of the publick Worship in the Church, there shall be Worship in the *HOSPITAL*, as above, kept Thrice a Day. *And further*, The *Master* and *Schoolmaster* shall be at Pains to catechize the Children particularly upon this Day, and to take Account from them of what they have observed from the *Lectures* or *Sermons* in the Church, and to recapitulate to them the Heads thereof. His Election shall be by the *Governors*, or their *Quorum*, as the *Treasurer*; and before his Admission, in Presence of the *Governors*, he shall take the following Oath.

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I A. B. *elected* Master to the HO-
SPITAL founded by GEORGE
WATSON Merchant in Edinburgh,
do swear and faithfully promise be-
fore GOD, That to my best Power,
I shall discharge all which the Sta-
tutes of the said HOSPITAL do
require of me, and shall do my best
to see all the Statutes of the said
HOSPITAL observed by others
within the HOSPITAL under my
Care and Inspection; and do promise
faithful Obedience to the present Go-
vernors and their Successors in Of-
fice. So help me GOD.

AFTER which, he shall have gi-
ven him Possession, by some of the
Governors thereto appointed, of the
Master his Lodgings, and in Pre-
sence of the Children and Servants,
be publickly declared *Master* over
them; and they commanded to yield
all respectful Obedience to him in all
Things he shall command them, un-
der the Pain of being expelled from
the *HOSPITAL*. And for his
better

better understanding what is the *Governors* Inclination with respect to the Management and Government of the *HOSPITAL*, tho' he has no Vote, yet he shall be allowed to sit and be present with the *Governors* at all their Meetings. He and the *Schoolmasters* shall have their Diet at the upper End of the Hall, at a little Table by themselves; and he shall not be any Night out of the *HOSPITAL*, without Leave of the *Preses*, or at least Two of the *Governors*. He shall keep in a Book an exact Inventory of the Household Plenishing, Furniture and Linens, and deliver the same to the *Governors* yearly,

Days before the *Treasurer's* making up his annual Accounts, that the *Governors* may revise and put an Estimate upon the same, to be entred in the *Treasurer's* Accounts as a Branch of *Stock*. If at any Time the *Master* shall marry, his Place shall thereby become void. And if at any Time he shall be convicted before the *Governors* of the *HOSPITAL*, of any Scandal

dal or Crime, he shall therefore be deposed. If at any Time he shall be found to be remiss or negligent, he shall be publickly admonished by the *Governors*, and the Admonition recorded : And if thereafter he shall offend in like Manner, he shall be deposed. And if through Infirmary, or old Age, or otherwise, he shall become unable to exerce the Office, which shall be made unquestionably to appear before the *Governors*, then he shall be respectfully dismissed from the said Office : But if he has served therein any considerable Time, at least Ten Years, and be not able to maintain himself, and if he pleases to accept thereof, he shall be allowed *Lodging* and *Maintenance* in the *HOSPITAL* during his Lifetime. In case of his Deposition, Death or Demission, the *Governors* shall, with all Conveniency and Expedition, enquire for and elect a new one. He shall receive from the *Treasurer* Quarterly, the Sum of

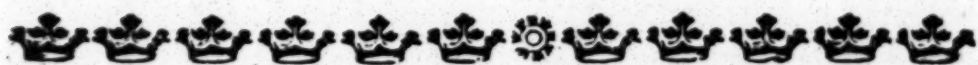
C H A P. X.

*Concerning the Election and Office
of a Schoolmaster.*

THAT the *Children* of the *HOSPITAL* may be carefully taught and brought up in the *Knowledge of Letters*, and the *Arts* and *Sciences* after-mentioned, there shall be *Schoolmasters* one or more, as the Number of the *Boys* in the *HOSPITAL* may require, and as the *Governors* shall think fit, whose *Office* it shall be to teach them to read *English* and the *Latin* Tongue, in so far as the *Governors* shall think fit they should be taught within the *HOSPITAL*; and, if they can, likewise teach them *Writing*, *Arithmetick* in all its Parts, and *Book-keeping*, and the common Parts of *vocal Musick*: And if such *Schoolmasters* cannot be got to teach the whole *Arts* and *Sciences* above-mentioned, then the *Governors* are specially to take Care to provide one that is particular well skilled in
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Writing, Arithmetick, Book-keeping, and vocal Church Musick, who shall come to the *HOSPITAL*, at certain Hours to be appointed by the *Governors*, to teach them the saids *Arts* above-mentioned. And if one Person cannot be got, qualified to teach all these, then the *Governors* may employ different Persons at different Hours, as they shall see Cause. The *Schoolmaster*, beside the special Part of Duty above, shall be careful to see that the *Children* their Chambers be kept clean, their Clothes handsome, and all other Parts of the *HOSPITAL* free from Abuse. They shall correct the *Children* for their Faults, for their own Qualities of Life, good Report, &c. For the Manner of their Election, Admission, Deposition, and Election of new ones in their Place, it shall be in all Points the same as exprest in the *Rules* which concern the *Master*; and in all the Duties of their Office shall be subject to his Oversight and Direction. And the saids *Schoolmasters* shall wear Gowns, and assist in *Catechizing*
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and *Examining* the *Boys*, particularly upon the *Lord's Day*, as is enjoyned to the *Master* in the foregoing *Chapter*, and shall also be careful to catechize and instruct the Children in the Principles of Religion, in their several Classes, on some other Day of the Week, as the *Governors* shall direct. They must be unmarried, and free of the Burden of Children : And if he or they be qualified to teach all the above-mentioned *Arts*, he shall receive from the *Treasurer* the Sum of : But if he only teach the *English* and *Latin*, he shall receive from the *Treasurer* Quarterly, the Sum of



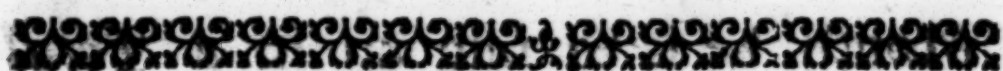
C H A P. XI.

Concerning the Election and Office of a Steward.

THERE shall be chosen an unmarried Man, free of the Burden of Children, of a good and honest Report, to be *Steward* to the
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HOSPITAL. He shall have the Charge of Keeping, and Care of Distributing of all the Provisions within the **HOSPITAL**, and shall set down in a particular *Count-book* what is consumed every Day within the **HOSPITAL**, which any of the *Governors* may inspect when they please, in the **HOSPITAL** only : And at the End of every Month he is to sum up in a *Total* what has been consumed in that Month, and what is not consumed of the several Provisions, is to be Part of Charge of the following Month. And for making the *Treasurer's* Work more easy, he may be entrusted with a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings *Sterling*, at one Time, for petty Depursements about the **HOSPITAL**, which he is to account for to him. He shall have the Oversight and Keeping of all the Table-furniture, and shall lay the Table-cloths at the Time of Meals in the Hall, and he shall oversee the making ready of the Diet of all within the **HOSPITAL**, that the same be
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exactly and neatly done, and orderly distributed. And in all the Duties of his Office, he shall be subject to the Oversight and Direction of the *Master*. He shall be elected, and subject to Deposition in the same Manner as the *Master*, and shall receive from the *Treasurer* in name of Fee Quarterly, the Sum of



C H A P. XII.

Concerning the Election and Office of a Cook.

TH E R E shall be chosen by the *Treasurer*, and *Committee for auditing his Accounts*, an unmarried Man, free of the Burden of Children, of good and honest Report, to be a *Cook* to the *HOSPITAL*. He shall be charged with the clean and exact dressing of the Victuals, and shall have the Oversight and Keeping of all Utensils belonging to the Kitchen, which shall be delivered to him upon Inventory. He shall assist

assist the *Janitor* in keeping the *Court* and the *Hall* clean, and sweeping the same after every Meal, and in putting on the publick Fires in the *Hall*: And in all the Duties of his Office he shall be subject to the Oversight and Direction of the *Master*. He shall be continued or removed at the Pleasure of the *Treasurer* and said *Committee*, and shall receive from the *Treasurer*, in name of Fee, Quarterly, the Sum of

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### C H A P. XIII.

*Concerning the Office of the Janitor.*

T H E R E shall also be chosen by the *Treasurer* and *Committee* for auditing his *Accounts*, an unmarried Man, free of the Burden of Children, of good and honest Report, to be *Janitor* of the *HOSPITAL*. He shall be one able to keep out all sturdy Beggars and vagrant Persons. He shall lock the Gates at all Times of Prayers and of Meals,

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and bring the Keys to the *Master* at such Hours as shall be appointed by the *Governors*. He shall keep the *Court* clean, sweep the *House*, and put on the Fires. He shall be of the Employment of a Taylor, and shall be obliged to bestow all his spare Time in mending of the Boys Clothes: And in all the Duties of his Office he shall be subject to the Direction of the *Master*, and shall be continued or removed at the Pleasure of the *Treasurer* and said *Committee*, and shall receive from the *Treasurer*, in name of Fee, Quarterly, the Sum of

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## C H A P. XIV.

### *Concerning the Servant Women.*

THERE shall be chosen so many *Women* of good Report, unmarried, and free of the Burden of Children, of the Age of Forty Years at least, as the *Governors* shall think fit, and the Number of the Boys in  
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the *HOSPITAL* may require; one whereof shall be a *Mistress* or *principal Servant*, if the *Governors* shall think it convenient. The Charge of which *Women* shall be to mend and drefs all the Linens that belong, either in general to the *HOSPITAL*, or in particular to any Scholar, and to make all their Beds, and to attend such of them as shall be sick, and see that the Boys be kept clean; and shall sweep and keep all the Chambers clean: And the said *principal Servant* or *Mistress* is to be charged with, and answerable for the Bed Linens of the *HOSPITAL*, and the particular Body Linens of the Boys; and is to oversee the other Women. And if the *Governors* shall think fit, they may employ the Women likewise to wash all the publick Linens of the *HOSPITAL*, and particular Linens of the Scholars. They shall be subject to the Oversight and Direction of the *Master*; and the *Mistress* shall be chosen and removed at the Discretion of the *Governors*, and the inferior

Women Servants shall be hired and removed by the *Treasurer*, as he shall see Occasion.



## C H A P. XV.

*Concerning the fees of all bearing Office within the HOSPITAL.*

**T**HAT the Blanks for *Fees* and *Salaries* in these *Rules* and *Statutes*, and other Blanks for Sums of Money, be filled up by the *Governors*, after due Consideration and Experience of what may be suitable to be allowed; and that none bearing Office in the *HOSPITAL* presume to exact or receive any Gift or Perquisite from the Children, their Parents, or Friends, under the Pain of Deprivation.





## C H A P. XVI.

*Concerning the Poor Children to be admitted into the HOSPITAL.*

THERE shall be chosen and admitted into the *HOSPITAL*, so many *Boys* as the stated and certain *Revenue* shall be able to maintain, *deductis deducendis*, with this Exception only, with respect to the first Three Years, to prevent the *Boys* going out all at once, and overburdening the *HOSPITAL* with Sums that will fall to be paid to them at their going out. The *Governors*, for the First Year, are only to elect as many *Boys* as a Third Part of the Stock will maintain; and the Second Year so many as another Third Part of the Stock will maintain; and the Third Year so many as the last Third Part of the Stock may maintain : So that the Third Year there may be as many *Boys* in the *HOSPITAL* as the *whole Stock* can conveniently maintain. *They shall be the Sons or Grandsons*

*of such who are, or were of the Order and Calling of Merchants Burgeses of Edinburgh, and Guild Brothers of the same, or Ministers of the Old Church of Edinburgh; those of the Name of WATSON being always to be preferred in the first Place, and those of the Name of DAVIDSON in the second Place.* And in case there shall happen to be a Competition betwixt the *Children or Grand-children* of the saids Merchants, Burgeses and Guild Brethren of *Edinburgh*, who are of the Company designed, *the Company of Merchants of the City of Edinburgh*, and these who are not of the said Company, the *First*, as well as the *Children and Grand-children* of the *Ministers* of the Old Church of *Edinburgh*, are always to be preferred to the last mentioned, except they be of the Name of *WATSON* or *DAVIDSON*, who are still to be preferred in the Order above set down, they being always either *Children or Grand-children* of Merchants, Burgeses, and Guild Brethren  
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of *Edinburgh*, or of the Ministers of the said Old Church : *Reserving always to the Patrons of Patronages, their Right and Privilege of presenting Boys in the Terms of the following Chapter.* And it is expressly *provided*, That no *Boys* be chosen who are under Eight Years of Age, or above Ten Years ; and that they be wholesom and sound in their Body at their Entry to the *HOSPITAL*, and each of them decently apparrelled. *And seeing* the Intention of this *Foundation* is only to relieve the *Poor*, as is before mentioned, none are to be chosen, until there be proper *Certificates* of their *indigent Circumstances*, from the *Minister* and *Kirk Session* of the Bounds where they reside, laid before the *Governors*, with the Documents of their Age, and that the *Governors* be fully satisfied that they are truly *Objects* of this Charity : *And the Consciences of the Governors are hereby strictly charged not to choose any but such as are proper Objects of this Charity.* And it is specially recommended

mended to them, not to receive into the *HOSPITAL* a greater Number of *Boys* than they can reasonably suppose the then stated and certain *Revenue* of the *HOSPITAL* will easily maintain, with a *Reserve* of such a Part of the said certain *Revenue*, to be added to the *Stock* for defraying *Accidents*, and paying *Apprentice Fees*, and other Sums to be paid after their *Apprenticeships*, and after their going out of the *HOSPITAL*, as they shall judge proper. The *ordinary Election* shall be twice in the Year, *viz.* the Third or next lawful Day of *April* and *October* yearly, when it is to be considered by the *Governors* what *Vacancies* there are, and how many the stated and certain *Revenue* of the *HOSPITAL* (making a *Reserve* as above) is able to maintain, that so many qualified, as before exprest, be immediately chosen. They shall have *Lodging*, *Bed*, *Diet*, *Washing*, and *common Fires* allowed them, besides their being educate and taught in Manner foresaid. They shall be decently



decently apparelled in *Stone-grey coloured Clothes*, made after the Fashion of the Time, or such Fashion as the *Governors* shall think fit, may continue in the *HOSPITAL* till they be Sixteen Years of Age complete. But if it happen that any of them are viciously inclin'd, or turbulent and disobedient to the *Masters*, then it shall be in the Power of the *Governors* to expel them forth of the said *HOSPITAL*, as they shall see Cause. And if they be *Boys* of a Genius for Letters, they shall have the Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ paid them for prosecuting their Studies Yearly at the College of *Edinburgh*, for the Space of Four Years after they go out of the *HOSPITAL*: Or if they incline to be bred as *Merchants* or *Tradesmen*, there shall be given, as an Apprentice Fee, the Sum of \_\_\_\_\_

And further, after their Apprenticeship, if they have behaved themselves faithfully and diligently as Apprentices during the whole Years of their Apprenticeships, and for two Years there-

thereafter, they shall have the Sum of Twenty five Pounds *Sterling* given them, to begin to trade with, if the *Governors* of the *HOSPITAL* think they deserve it. And it is particularly recommended to the *Treasurer* of the *HOSPITAL*, and *Auditors* of his Accounts, that they be at Pains to know the Capacity and Genius of the *Boys* two or three Years before they go out of the *HOSPITAL*, that they may be able to judge what Business or Trade they will be fittest for, that so their Education in the *HOSPITAL* may be adapted to their Genius, and to fit and qualify them for the Employment they are to follow ; and special Care is to be taken, that they be well instructed in *Writing*, *Arithmetick* and *Book-keeping*. And that it may be known who are the *Boys* of a Genius for *Letters*, the Ministers of the Old Church of *Edinburgh*, the Professor of *Humanity* in the College of *Edinburgh*, and the *Rector* of the *Grammar School*, are to be desired to examine them, and to take Trial of their  
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Qualifications and Capacity for Learning, and to make up a List of such as they think are of a very bright Genius, proper to prosecute their Studies farther than the Grammar ; and which Trial and Examination, both as to their Parts and Proficiency, is to be renewed Yearly, or oftner, after they go out of the *HOSPITAL*, and that before the said yearly Sum be paid them : Which Sum shall be paid, or not, according as the Examinators make a Report of their Diligence and Proficiency.



## C H A P. XVII.

*Concerning Patronages for Children.*

**W**HATEVER *Person, Company, Corporation or Society,* shall give a Donation of Two hundred Pounds *Sterl.* they and their Heirs shall have the Right of presenting a sound and wholesom *Boy*, who is the *Son* or *Grand-son* of a Merchant Burgess and Guild Brother of *Edinburgh*, or of  
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one of the Ministers of the Old Church of the said City, whom the *Governors* shall find to be truly Objects of *Charity* in Manner above-described, and of the Age mentioned in the preceeding Chapter. And as often as any of the saids Presentations shall vake, the *Patrons* thereof shall have the supplying of the same after the same has vaked six Months, providing they present within a Year after expiring of the said six Months, otherwise that the Presentation fall *pro ista vice* in the Hands of the *perpetual Governors* of this *HOSPITAL*, who may elect a *Boy*, in Manner prescribed in the foregoing Chapter.



## C H A P. XVIII.

*For encouraging Donations and Mortifications, and recording the Donors Names.*

**T**HAT if any Person or Persons valetudinary, come to the Age of Fifty Years, or above, shall mortify



fy any Part of their Estate to the *HOSPITAL*, the *Governors* are impowered to negotiate with them for such an *Annuity* during their Lives, as shall seem reasonable and correspondent to so charitable a Dispensation of their Goods. And if any Person or Persons having made a Donation to the *HOSPITAL*, shall afterwards become indigent, in that Case the *Governors* shall be at Liberty to give such an Allowance as they think is suitable to their Circumstances and Donations. And all Persons whatsoever, who shall at any Time hereafter mortify a Sum to the *HOSPITAL*, their Name shall be honourably recorded in the Books, and also put up in gilded Letters upon a Wall within the *HOSPITAL*; and if any shall give and mortify to the said *HOSPITAL* a Sum not below the Sum of *L. 50000 Scots*, *He shall be assumed and conjoynd with GEORGE WATSON, in the Name and Title of the said HOSPITAL, and be reckoned a Founder of the same with him:*

*him*: The said additional Donations being always to be employed for entertaining and educating the *Children* and *Grand-children* of decay'd Merchants, and Guild-brethren of *Edinburgh*, and the indigent *Children* and *Grand-children* of the Ministers of the said Old Church, who are qualified, and to be admitted in the Terms of the foregoing *Statutes*; the Mortifier of the said Sum of *L. 50000 Scots*, or such a Sum as is sufficient to maintain a *Boy* or *Boys*, being always at Liberty to give a Preference to the *Children* of any Name he thinks fit.



## C H A P. XIX.

*Concerning the safe Keeping of the  
HOSPITAL's Rights, and  
other Writs, and the Seal of the  
HOSPITAL.*

**I**T being necessary, that the *Rights*, *Evidents*, and other *Writs* of Importance belonging to the *HOSPITAL*,



*TAL*, be kept safe and in good Order ; and likewise, when there shall be at any Time, through GOD's Blessing, a greater Sum lying *in specie* than what is necessary for defraying the Charges of the *HOSPITAL*, it were hard that the *Treasurer* should be troubled with so great a Charge ; therefore, both with respect to the *Papers* and *Money*, it is appointed, That a convenient secure *Room* be set apart within the *HOSPITAL*, having three Locks on the Door, with three different Keys, one whereof to be kept by the *Master* of the Merchant Company, one by the said old *Dean of Guild* of *Edinburgh*, and one by the *Treasurer* of the *HOSPITAL* ; and that the *Governors* of the said *HOSPITAL* make Use of the same *Seal*, that by the Charter in Favours of the Company of Merchants of the City of *Edinburgh*, the said Company are entitled to make Use of.

## C H A P. XX.

*Concerning the securing the H O S-  
P I T A L's Stock and Estate.*

**I**N respect frequent Losses fall out in lending Money, *it is appointed*, That no Money belonging to the *H O S P I T A L* be laid out or employ'd, but by Warrant of an Act of the *Governors* voted by way of Bill-eting; and that either for purchasing of Land, or upon real Security of Land reputed free of Incumbrances, or to the Town of *Edinburgh* on the publick Security, or to any Three responsal Persons, bound conjunctly and severally, providing the Sum lent to these Three Persons do not exceed *L. 500 Sterling*.

**W**E the undersubscribing Mr. *Charles Binning* of *Pilmuir* Advocate, one of His Majesty's Solicitors, *John Osburn* Merchant and late Baillie of *Edinburgh*, and *John Inglis* of *Auchindinny* Writer to the Signet, to whom the Power of composing



posing and adjusting the *Rules* of the Foundation of the deceased **GEORGE WATSON**, Merchant in *Edinburgh*, his **HOSPITAL**, is given by the *Disposition* to us, for *ourselves*, and as his *Trustees*, for the Purposes therein mentioned, dated Ninth *February* One thousand seven hundred and twenty three, and registrate in the Books of Council and Session, 9th *April* the said Year, and other *Writings* and *Recommendations* relative to the same. And Mr. *William Mitchel* sometime Minister of the Gospel in the *Old Church* of *Edinburgh*, and now Minister in the *New Church* of the said City, Mr. *James Nisbet*, and Mr. *James Craig*, now present Ministers in the said *Old Church*, by whose Advice and Consent the saids *Trustees*, by virtue of the said *Disposition*, were to compose the saids *Rules*, do certify and declare, That the above *Rules* and *Statutes*, contain'd in the foregoing Twenty Chapters, are the *Rules* and *Statutes* of the said **GEORGE WATSON's HOSPITAL**, compiled by us the saids *Trustees*, by  
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and with the Advice and Consent of us the above-designed Ministers of the Gospel in *Edinburgh*, in consequence of the Powers given to us by the said deceast *G E O R G E W A T S O N*, who mortified Twelve Thousand *Pounds Sterling*, to be paid out of his Estate, disposed by him to his saids *Trustees*, for erecting an *H O S P I T A L*, for entertaining and educating the *Male-children*, and *Grand-children* of decay'd Merchants in *Edinburgh*. And because the said *Trust* and *Powers* were committed to us the saids *Trustees*, or either of us that should survive and accept, and that the saids *Statutes* were to be composed by *us*, with the Advice and Consent of the *three Ministers* above-named, or, in case of their Decease, by such three Ministers in *Edinburgh* as we should nominate and appoint, and that after Trial and Experience, there may be Ground for altering some of the *Statutes* above set down: Therefore we the saids *Trustees* have reserved, and do hereby reserve to *ourselves*, and to any Two of us  
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*surviving*, in case of the Decease of a Third, by the Advice and Consent foresaid, *full Power* and *Liberty* to alter such of the saids *Statutes*, as we, after further Deliberation and Experience, shall see Cause so to alter. And after the Decease of any Two of us, *we declare*, That the said Power of altering and improving the saids *Statutes*, shall remain with, and devolve upon the *Merchant Company* of *Edinburgh*; *providing*, That such Alteration shall be concluded and agreed upon by Two-thirds of the Members present of the *Merchant Company*, warned by a Billet from the *Officer* in the usual Form, to meet for that Effect in the *Hall* of the said *Merchant Company*, after the same has been under their Deliberation in two several *Sederunts*, the one at the Distance of, at least, a Month after the other, and be approven of by the Lord Provost of *Edinburgh*, Dean of the Faculty of Advocates, and the Minister or Ministers of the Old Church of *Edinburgh* for the Time being, or the *major Part* of them; the saids

Alterations noways infringing upon the *Fundamental Articles* of this *HOSPITAL*, viz. That the same is to be for the Relief, Maintenance, and for Instruction in the Principles of our Holy Christian Religion, and Education in Letters, more especially in Writing, Arithmetick and Book-keeping, of the Male Children and Grand-children of decayed Merchants, Guild Brothers of Edinburgh, particularly those of the Merchant Company, or of the Ministers of the Old Church of Edinburgh; the saids Children, whether chosen by the Governors, or presented by other Patrons, being always Objects of Charity, and Children or Grand-children of the saids Merchants, or Ministers; and that those of the Name of WATSON and DAVIDSON, who are Children of the saids decayed Merchants or Ministers, shall always be preferred to all others; and that the said *HOSPITAL* shall always be called by the Name of *GEORGE WATSON'S HOSPITAL*, by himself alone, or in Conjunction with others



others who shall mortify to the said HOSPITAL, a Sum not below Fifty thousand Pounds Scots; and that the Right of the said HOSPITAL, Stock and Revenues thereof, shall be vested in, and perpetually remain with the Company of Merchants of the City of Edinburgh; but that the Administration shall always be in the Governors mentioned in the Second Chapter; and that no Part of the Stock, or Profits thereof, shall be applied otherways than for the Use and Benefit of the said HOSPITAL. All which we declare to be fundamental, perpetual and unalterable Rules of this HOSPITAL; and we all consent, That, *ad futuram rei memoriam*, the Statutes above set down, and now delivered to the Master, Assistants and Treasurer of the Company of Merchants of the City of Edinburgh, to be by them delivered to the said Company at a General Meeting, with this our Declaration and Reservation, be recorded in the Borough Court-Books of Edinburgh, and in the Books of the said

said *Merchant Company*. In *Testimony* whereof (written on Stamp Paper by *George Blaw* Writer in *Edinburgh*) we the saids *Trustees*, and we the saids *Ministers*, in Token of our Consent; have subscribed *Two Authentick Copies* of the saids *Statutes*, and this *Declaration*, consisting each of *Twelve Pages*, at *Edinburgh*, the First Day of *May*, One thousand seven hundred and twenty four Years, before these Witnesses, *Patrick Inglis*, Writer in *Edinburgh*, Son to the said *John Inglis* of *Auchbindinny*, and the said *George Blaw*.

WILL. MITCHELL, CH. BINNING,

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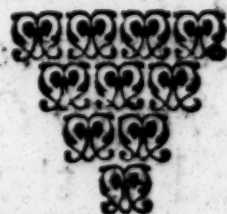
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G. BLAW *Witness*.





**A**T Edinburgh, the Fourth Day of May, One thousand seven hundred and twenty four Years, which Day, in a General Meeting of the Company of Merchants of the said City, the Statutes and Rules for managing, observing and directing the deaceast GEORGE WATSON Merchant, his HOSPITAL, having been given in to the Meeting of Assistants, by the Persons named and authorized for Compiling the same, as mentioned in the Sederunt of the Assistants, this Morning the said General Meeting desired the said Statutes and Rules to be publicly read: Which being accordingly done, they appointed the same to be fully recorded in the Books and Registers of the Company; and after comparing the same with the Original, that the Original be carefully put into the Company's Charter-chest, with their other Writs. And the said Company recommended to Bailie Archibald M'Aulay, Bailie Hugh Hawthorn, and Treasurer William Hutton, to wait on Mr. WATSON's Trustees, and render them the Thanks of the Company for their great Care and Pains in drawing up and compiling the said Statutes and Rules, and for the singular Respect and Kindness they have shewn to the Company in the same; and that they also go with the said Trustees, to the Magistrates of the City, when they are to present and deliver in to them another subscribed Copy of the said Statutes and Rules, to be recorded in the Registers of the City. Extracted from the Records of the said Company, by me

CHA. MITCHEL.

EDINBURGH, 8th Day of May, 1724.

**T**HE which Day, the Bailies, Council, Deacons of Crafts, ordinary and extraordinary, being convened in Council, Bailie Archibald Wallace reported, That a Committee of the Merchant Company of this City had, by Appointment of a General Meeting thereof, put into his Hands the Statutes of the HOSPITAL founded by the deceased GEORGE WATSON Merchant in Edinburgh, to be laid before the Council for their Approbation; and desiring their Authority might be interponed thereto, and that the HOSPITAL might be under the Council's Protection. Which Statutes being considered, in Presence of the Council and Deacons of Crafts, ordinary and extraordinary, they approved of the said Statutes, and declared, They would take the HOSPITAL into their Protection, and give them all due Encouragement as Occasion requires; and appointed Bailie Archibald Wallace to acquaint the said Committee of Merchants of the Council's Resolution accordingly. Thereafter the Council appointed the Statutes to be Recorded in the Borough Court-Books, and an Extract thereof delivered to the said Committee. Extracted by

GEORGE HOME.





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